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SUBJ: SOVIETS HONOR NEW PAK EXCLUSIVE COASTAL FISHING ZONE

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1. GOP ANNOUNCED APRIL 3 THAT SOVIET UNION HAD WITHDRAWN ITS FISHING FLEET FROM VICINITY OF PAKISTAN COAST FOLLOWING MARCH 21 PROCLAMATION BY PAKISTAN OF 50 NAUTICAL MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID GOP HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR OF FISHING FLEET'S WITHDRAWL. SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT GOP APPRECIATED THIS "FRIENDLY GESTURE" ON PART OF SOVIETS, WHICH WILL ALLEVIATE DISTRESS OF PAKISTANI FISHERMEN AND ENABLE PAKISTAN MAKE FULL USE OF ITS COASTAL FISHERIES.

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2. SOVIET EMBASSY TRADE REPRESENTATIVE N. G. MACHULIN CONFIRMED FOREGOING IN CONVERSATION WITH POL COUNSELOR APRIL 4. ACCORDING MACHULIN, SOVIETS HAVE IN FACT ORDERED THEIR FISHING VESSELS RESPECT PAKISTAN 50- MILE ZONE. ACTION DID NOT MEAN THAT SOVIETS NECESSARILY CONCEDED GOP RIGHT TO DECLARE SUCH EXCLUSIVE ZONE BUT WAS TAKEN MERELY AS " GOOD- WILL GESTURE" TO PAKISTANIS. MACHULIN DENIED EDUCATION TAX WAS A MISTAKE. AT THE TIME OF ITS ENACTMENT, NO ONE FORESAW ITS UNFORTUNATE IMPACT ON US- USSR RELATIONS. AS A RESULT OF HIS RECENT, " SOBERING" VISIT TO WASHINGTON, ALKHIMOV HAS RECOMMENDED TO HIS GOVERNMENT THE GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. EMBASSY MOSCOW BELIEVES ALKHIMOV'S VIEWS " ARE VERY LIKELY LISTENED TO" ON MATTERS CONCERNING SOVIET FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY. (SECRET) MOSCOW 3760, 4/5 (EXDIS).

4. TOUR D' HORIZON IN PHNOM PENH

SIRIK MATAK AND OTHER KHMER OPPOSITION LEADERS JOINED SENATOR BROOKE FOR A LENGTHY CONVERSATION ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. THE OPPOSITION LEADERS WERE AGREED THAT LON NOL' S ILLNESS HAS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED HIS POLITICAL JUDGMENT, CAUSING HIM TO RELY ON HIS BROTHER LON NON. NEW LEADERSHIP MUST SOON BE FOUND TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT, BUT MATAK WAS UNABLE TO OFFER CONCRETE FORMULATIONS OR THE NAMES OF SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE PERSONALITIES. (SECRET) PHNOM PENH 3230, 4/6 (LIMDIS).

5. JORDAN RESPONSIVE TO KUWAITI AID REQUEST

KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN IS PREPARED TO ASSIST KUWAIT MILITARILY, IF NECESSARY. CONTINGENCY PLANS INCLUDE THE AIRLIFT OF GROUND FORCES (USING IRANIAN C-130 S) AND THE LOAN OF JORDANIAN FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. EMBASSY KUWAIT CAUTIONS THAT THE KUWAITI- IRAQ BORDER SITUATION IS STILL SECRET

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UNCLEAR, AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF AN IRAQI WITHDRAWAL FROM KUWAITI TERRITORY. IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN IF THE IRAQI DELEGATION, DUE TODAY IN KUWAIT, WILL ACTUALLY COME. (SECRET) AMMAN 1792 AND KUWAIT 1098, 4/5 (EXDIS).

6. ARAFAT REFURBISHES HIS IMAGE

YASIR ARAFAT SEIZED UPON THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR IN THE KUWAIT- IRAQ DISPUTE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INGRATiate HIMSELF WITH KUWAIT AND OTHER MODERATE ARAB STATES. HIS SELF- INITIATED AND SELF- PROCLAIMED INTERVENTION HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY THE REHABILITATION OF THE WELL- KNOWN MODERATE PLO LEADER KHALID AL HASSAN. EMBASSY BEIRUT VIEWS THESE MANEUVERS AS ONE MORE STEP IN THE " SOFT- SOAP OPERATION" ALREADY UNDERWAY TO COUNTER ANTI- FATAH MODERATE SENTIMENT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) BEIRUT 3896, 4/5.

7. INDOCHINA OPERATIONS

TWENTY MAJOR AND 83 MINOR CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD ENDING 1900 EST APRIL 5. A MAJORITY OF THE ACTIVITY WAS CENTERED IN MILITARY REGION 4. IN CAMBODIA, SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE IN ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS NEAR PHNOM PENH, BUT ALL MAJOR LINES OF COMMUNICATION REMAIN ESSENTIALLY CLOSED TO THE SOUTH OF THE CAPITOL. NO CONVOY MOVEMENT WAS NOTED. (SECRET) DAO SAIGON, 4/5 AND DAO PHNOM PENH, 4/6. ROGERS

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